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VOMARC members enjoy the annual Christmas Dinner at Mary's

FROM THE TOP: Happy New Year!!!!!!!!!

Meeting January 21 at McDougal Hall on the campus of the Sonoma Development Center at 7:30 pm. Demonstration of Ham Radio Deluxe.

Happy New Year and I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. The Christmas Party was a lot of fun. The new officers were installed with me, KD6FIL, President, Jim, K6UUW, Vice President and Marty, KI6RTP, Treasurer.

The first club meeting of the New Year will be a demonstration of Ham Radio Deluxe at the Sonoma Development Center. This is an amazing program that is used to computer control a radio and with an additional program

does a wide variety of digital modes like RTTY and PSK. Check out the website at http://www.ham-radio-deluxe.com/. Hopefully we will be able to get everything running for a full demonstration. (it works at home).

We are looking for net control stations for this year. Check the website http://www.vomarc.org/meetings.html and sign up for a month. It is easy and fun.

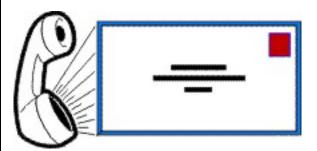
VE Sessions for 2009 are: February 21, April 25 (VOMARC Hamfest), August 22, and November 21 2009. Start studying now and upgrade to the next level.

Any thoughts on topics for upcoming meetings? Let me know and we can keep things interesting for 2009. The speaker committee is working on some fun programs

and field trips. There are a number of fun contests and operating activities to participate in during the year. If something looks interesting we will try and get the word out.

The Club Breakfasts have been moved to the Black Bear Diner on the corner of 2nd Street West and Napa Street at 8:30 AM on the first Saturday of the month.

I hope to see you all at the January meeting.



We Get Email

Hi Eileen,

I just saw the Valley Of The Moon Arc on the <u>arrl.org</u> web site and I noticed that you offer help for newcomers. I just created a set of free online exam practice tests that I hope hams will find useful.

Within the practice tests, online study resources, (Wikipedia, NASA, ARRL, etc...), are provided for many of the questions. The list of resources available for each question is constantly growing because users can add their own favorite links to the study materials. Users can also track their test scores over time and see which subelements are giving them the most trouble. You can see all the practice tests at:

http://copaseticflow.blogspot.com/

Please let me know if you find it handy, or if you think of any ways to make it better. Also, if you think it's useful, please feel free to add a link to the practice exams at your site.

Thanks!

73 de KD0FNR Hamilton Carter

To all American Red Cross, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties Chapter, Ham Radio Operators,

Some of you might be interested in learning more about setting up a station. Here is an opportunity to learn more.

John Lemmer, W6FQX Communications Lead

On February 6th from 6:00 until 8:30 PM a class will be held at the Santa Rosa Red Cross Building at 5297 Aero Drive. The topic of discussion will be how to assemble an amateur radio station and details about typical operating and operating procedures. Included in station assembly will be radios, feedlines, matching the feedline to the antenna, and antennas. This class is focused on the needs of Technician class operators, so VHF and UHF voice operations will be the main topic. We will practice the procedures in class. Some emergency procedures will be discussed and practiced but will not be the main focus of the class.

Other topics may also be discussed. Those present will be asked to list any other topics they would like to cover and will be accommodated if time permits. There is no fee for the class but all participants are encouraged to make a contribution to the Red Cross for the use of their facility.

To sign up for the class or for more information please contact:

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2009 VOMARC Net Control Assignments

Month	Name	Call
JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	KEN	N6KM
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W6LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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JANUARY	EILEEN	KG6QNT
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	KEN	N6KM
APRIL		
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

Your Comments Here

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until the Sonoma Police station renovation is completed.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa's Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local. (During Issa's remodel, we have been meeting at Black Bear Diner at 08:30.)

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to: Eileen@vom.com

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THE NEXT VOMARC MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, AT MC DOUGALL HALL AT
THE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER IN ELDRIDGE, AT 7:30PM
SEE YOU THERE.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Marty KI6RTP, 20829 Via Colombard, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**